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Wife Dies in *Suicide* Bridge Leap

RICHMOND — Mrs. Angelica Schuyler Goffman, 35, wife of Dr. Erving Goffman, University of California professor of sociology, leaped to her death from the upper deck of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge today.

The California Highway Patrol said Mrs. Goffman abandoned her car about midway across the span, left two notes and instructions to notify her husband, then leaped to the water below.

Her empty car was checked by bridge painter Clyde Canright, 31, of 983 Frederick Road, San Leandro. He found the notes in her purse inside the car.

Mrs. Goffman's body was recovered about 10 a.m. by a bridge crew in a small boat.

The Contra Costa County coroner's office identified the body as Mrs. Goffman, of 2805 Hilgard Ave., Berkeley.

Dr. Goffman, 42, with the University Department of Sociology since 1958, is the author of several works in that field.

The couple has one child.

Death Plunge Off Richmond Bay Span

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SUICIDE
RICHMOND — Bridge painter Charles Power heard a splash yesterday as he worked on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

It was a fearful sound to a man who works on narrow girders above San Pablo Bay.

Power looked down and sighted a body in the water below.

Shortly after, an empty car registered to Air Force T-Sgt. James T. Gayton, 38, was discovered on the lower westbound deck.

The California Highway Patrol said Gayton was missing from Hamilton Air Force Base, where he lived with his wife, Evelyn, and three children.

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Bay Gives Up

Oakland Wife's Body

RICHMOND — The body of Mrs. Margaret Takaesu, 49, of Oakland, whose abandoned car was found on the west end of the Richmond-San Rafael bridge, July 9, was recovered from the bay here last night.

Identification was made through dental charts, according to Deputy Coroner Charles Ryan.

Mrs. Takaesu lived at 699 Arimo St., Oakland, and is survived by her husband, James; two children, Marcia and Andrea; her father, Shimpei Itokazu of Hawaii and a brother, Dr. Harold Itokazu of San Rafael.

The body was sighted at 6:30 p.m. yesterday by Dayton Speech, 30, of 404 Maine Ave. while he was fishing off the foot of South 26th St.

Realty Man

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From Bridge

ANTIOCH — A man identified as Louis Frank Fernandes, 37, well known local real estate man, was found dead in San Francisco Bay Saturday by the Coast Guard after he apparently leaped from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

A woman motorist, westbound on the upper deck of the bridge, told San Rafael police she saw a man leap over the rail at 2:10 p.m. The body of Fernandes was found in the water at 3:15.

California Highway Patrolmen said they found two notes in Fernandes' abandoned car in the westbound lanes of the bridge. One note, addressed to his wife, Patricia, read:

"Sorry. Big heart, little mind."

It was signed by Fernandes.

The other note was written on a brown paper bag and said only:

"Mafia it was."

This was followed by the word, "God."

And then:

"I had choice. I don't know. Just be good."

It was not signed.

He is the fifth known suicide from the bridge.

Fernandes grew up in the Antioch-Oakley area, and was a partner in the Antioch Western Auto store with his father-in-law for a time, and then opened the Fernandes Realty Co. at 19th and C Streets here.

He had been separated from his wife for about two months, and they had five children.

**Body Found in
Bay Identified**

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Suicide

RICHMOND — A badly decomposed body found on the San Pablo Bay shoreline in Rodeo Tuesday today was identified as an Air Force technical sergeant, believed to have jumped off the Richmond - San Rafael Bridge June 7.

The body of James T. Gayton, 37, of 363 Bolling Drive, Hamilton Air Force Base, was clad in his uniform when found by police. His car was parked near where a bridge worker saw a man jump from the span last month.